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## General News

Smallpox is prevalent in Letcher county.

Jules Falk, a noted violinist, of this country, is on a visit to relatives in Paris, Ky.

The water works company at Paris, Ky., have let a contract for the erection of a new dam.

The case of Collins against Flinn from Estill county, has been affirmed by the Court of Appeals.

Senator James denies that he is "boosting" Stanley. The fellow that believes that will please stand on his head.

Whitley City was chosen county seat of McCreary county over Pine Knot. Campton won over Hazel Green in Wolfe county.

The Scott county Fiscal court places the salaries for county judge and road supervisor at \$1200 each. The salary formerly paid them was \$1000 each.

Dr. J. W. Porter, of Clark county, was selected as the Moderator of the General Association of the Kentucky Baptists at its meeting in Lexington last week.

Circuit Judge Sampson is probing the election held in Knox county last Tuesday. About 100 witnesses have been subpoenaed including the candidates and bankers.

Dr. Yager was given an affectionate farewell by the people of Georgetown on his departure for Porto Rico. The crowd joined in singing "God be with us till we meet again."

The society of "Spugs" has commenced a crusade against useless Christmas giving. Mrs. August Belmont declares against the custom. Let her send her representatives here.

Senator W. O. Bradley, M. H. Thatcher and W. G. Dearing have effected a partnership for the practice of law and will open up offices in Louisville, Ky., about the first of December.

Rebuilding has begun at Jackson, Ky., which was lately devastated by fire, and new substantial brick buildings are being constructed to take the place of the old wooden structures.

The farmers of Warren county are in convention at Bowling Green, as a result of the recent chautauqua that was held in that county, and are being royally entertained by the citizens of the Park City.

The Glenn Hotel at Cadiz, was partially destroyed by fire from a defective furnace. The citizens labored heroically to prevent the spread of the flames and succeeded in stopping it before great damage was done.

The County Court Clerk's office in Christian county has been broken into by unknown parties. So far nothing has been missed. Footsteps of the intruder made on the window sill have been photographed.

Monte Fox, of Danville, representing a New York concern, bought 400 head of fine cattle at \$7.55 and 200 head at \$7.50, at Winchester. Two hundred and twelve head of the Brock herd were shipped at once and averaged 1463 pounds. All the other will be delivered this month.

Judge Cochran handed down an opinion in the United States court which is in session this week at this place, in the case of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, requiring it to pay taxes on an increase of \$6,600,585 in its franchise assessment. The company had been paying on about \$14,000,000, and this increase will bring a tax to the state of \$33,000.

## DEDICATION

Of the First Christian Church  
a Grand Triumph.

BEAUTIFUL CEREMONIES

Sunday was a red letter day at the Christian Church. Although the rain poured during the morning hours, a great audience gathered in the auditorium at every service, and when the final word was pronounced at the close of the evening sermon, all felt that a new era in church circles in our city had begun.

At the Bible School service there were 250 present, the attendance being divided because of the preparations in the kitchen to provide for the visitors, but that service whetted the expectations of all for the service that was to follow.

Promptly at 10:30 the organ voluntary began and the audience soon after filled every available space. More than one thousand were present. The invocation was delivered by Rev. D. Clay Lilly of Nashville, Tenn., Field Secretary of the Layman's Missionary Movement. Rev. H. C. Garrison, of Danville, read the lesson which was followed by prayer by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Barnes. Miss Jamie Caperton sang "Awake my soul to joyful lays," with a violin obligato by Miss Issie Million. Those who heard Miss Caperton for the first time were surprised at the power and beauty of her voice, which will be a valuable addition to the musical interests of our city. Miss Caperton's enunciation gives charm to her singing, every word being audible.

The sermons of the day were preached by Rev. F. M. Rains of Cincinnati. Mr. Rains has dedicated over seven hundred churches, and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to pay for them. He is enthusiastic, pathetic, earnest and eloquent. It is safe to say that few men could have held that audience for more than an hour while the subscription for funds was being taken. When it is remembered that most of those who gave yesterday had already given freely, the greatness of the triumph may be appreciated. There are not many churches that cost as much as this that can be dedicated with provision made for the debt, in a community the size of Richmond. At the morning service over \$8,000 was pledged.

In the afternoon, greetings were brought by the local pastors, Revs. D. H. Scanlon, B. C. Horton, H. N. Quisenberry and Rev. D. Clay Lilly of the Layman's Missionary Movement, and Dr. Martin of the Episcopal church. All expressed their congratulations on the work that had been done, and the congregation reciprocated the commendations that were bestowed.

Mrs. Nettie Ballard sang "The Good Shepherd" by Barri, in her usual charming manner, after which the Communion service was held, Mr. T. E. Baldwin, presiding. The pastor read a telegram from Rev. G. W. Crutchfield, of Jenkins, formerly of this city, and read a letter from Rev. A. B. Jones, a pastor during War days, and now a resident of Liberty, Mo. Following this came a brief "In Memoriam" service, for those who had passed to their reward since the building was begun. Mr. Rains preached again in the evening on "The Law of Development," and followed the sermon with an appeal for the remainder of the debt which was

subscribed. Miss Laura Bright sang with fine effect Dudley Buck's great composition "Fear Ye Not O Israel."

The Following Beautiful  
Service of Dedication Was  
Read by Dr. Rains

We now set apart this house to the worship of the living and true God, and to the service of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We devote it to the preaching of the gospel of the grace of God, for conversion of sinners, and to the education of Christians in a knowledge of spiritual truth, in all the graces of Christian character, and in all the activities of Christian life. Here shall the incense of prayer and praise ascend to God. Here shall the ordinances of the Lord's House be sacredly observed. Here shall the word of God which liveth and abideth forever be sounded out for the salvation of the perishing, and shine as a perpetual light to guide God's pilgrims through the night of time to the light of everlasting glory. Here may children of sin and sorrow find a refuge from despair and ruin, and Christians a harbor to which they can resort when the tempest is high and still be safe. Here in the hearts of humble worshippers may the Holy Spirit find a temple, and the doctrine of God's word distill upon waiting and thirsty spirits, as the rains upon mown grass and as the showers that water the earth, so that righteousness may flourish and holiness abound, and all the rich fruit of the spirit be yielded in a blessed harvest to the praise of God. May no discordant note of strife ever be heard within these walls, no unholy spirit of pride of worldliness find entrance here; but may the faith, out of which all goodness springs, the hope which purifies and comforts the sorrowing heart, and the love which honors God, blesses man and binds Christians in blessed fellowship ever inspire and sway the hearts and lives of men who worship here, so that with one mind they may strive together for the faith delivered and let their light so shine, that others, seeing their good works, may glorify our Father who is in heaven.

May these earthly courts be as the holy place in the temple, separated only by a veil from the holiest of all in which the royal priests of the house of God may trim the golden lamp, and eat of the bread of life, and burn incense at the golden altar; and thus drawing near to God with true hearts, in full assurance of faith, may they be prepared to enter finally "within the veil" to rejoice in the presence of God, where there is fullness of joy, and at his right hand, where there are blessings forevermore.

And may God graciously accept this offering of a house in His name—an offering made by grateful hearts and willing hands and bless every heart that shares in this gift, and when, one by one, those who have shared in this service shall be taken from these earthly scenes, and leave a vacant seat, may they find a yet more blessed home in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, where the worshippers shall go out no more forever. May multitudes here be born to God, so that when all that are here today shall have gone to their eternal home, others will take up the service and repeat from generation to generation the old, old story of the cross and the songs of Zion, and the prayers of saints until Jesus comes, and all

his redeemed are gathered home.

We give thanks to God that His people have been able to offer willingly after this sort. We invoke His blessing on the labor of their hands. And we commit to His holy care and keeping all the interests connected with this religious enterprise. "May the beauty of the Lord, our God, be upon us. And establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it."

Let this house be a home for the stranger, a place of welcome and comfort for the poor; a consolation for the distressed; and a place of salvation for the sinner. Let it be a place for the guidance of youth, for the consolation of age, for the good of men and the glory of God.

A notable and beautiful feature of the service was the music rendered by the choir as a whole, all churches being represented. The music was of the highest order, and too much cannot be said of the faithful work of this body, under the untiring leadership of the organist, Mrs. G. W. Pickels.

Dr. E. B. Barnes presided over the several meetings in his usual forceful way and always said the right thing at the right time. His prayer Sunday evening was soulful, chaste and a masterpiece of English. The church starts its career under most auspicious circumstances, free from debt, with "peace, good will to all mankind," and with the hearty God speed of the community.

## IN MEMORY.

In view of the great sorrow that has fallen upon our city in the death of Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Banks and their little son, Ben, it is fitting that some simple tribute be paid their memory.

As one who knew and loved them, I would recall the days of their early married life, days filled with sunshine till a dread malady fastened itself upon the mother and robbed the home of her tender care and faithful ministry. Mrs. Banks was a woman rarely endowed and wielded her influence for the uplift of the community in which she lived. I love to think of the years of unclouded happiness when in perfect health and beauty, she lived for others and in her sweet unselfishness shed a blessing on all around her and made the home the brightest spot on earth for the loved husband and child.

Again, I recall the months of devoted service to a sister, who when sorely stricken called not in vain for love and sympathy, but was cheered and strengthened on her way. Nor would I be forgetful of Mr. Banks, a true friend, a kind neighbor, a devoted husband and father, a man with the highest sense of honor.

For years he has been a familiar figure on our streets, in our business circles, and sadly will he be missed.

A man of reticent habits and one who bore his trials alone, perhaps we may never know his heart-aches, his struggles, when deprived by ill-health of the companionship he loved.

Of little Ben, the idol of the home, bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked, and with life so full of promise, we can only think with fast falling tears, but our "Heavenly Father knoweth all" and in the "Afterwhile" all mysteries will be made plain, "we will know each other better," and "He will wipe away all tears."

Rev. Ellis, of Paris, will conduct a series of special services at the Christian Church beginning Monday night.

## VENERABLE

William Benton Succumbs  
to the Inevitable.

A GOOD MAN GONE.

Squire Wm. Benton, of Waco, died at his home in that place Thursday morning.

Mr. Benton's death was not unexpected. He had arrived at the three quarter century mark, and the shadows had greatly lengthened. For the last few months he had been frail and in a delicate condition, and his death was not unexpected. Only a few months ago, his beloved wife preceded him to the grave.

Judge J. M. Benton was the only child and survives him. He took great interest in the welfare and social and political preferment of his son, and lived to see him reach great distinction among men.

It was our good fortune, to have known Mr. Benton many years prior to coming to this county, and we admired him for his unostentatious life and his high ideals. He always made himself exceedingly pleasant to us, and we enjoyed his friendship beyond measure.

The county has lost a valuable citizen, one who has left his impress on the public mind.

## Student's Recital

The student's recital given at Madison Institute on Thursday evening reflected great credit on the Expression teacher, Miss Moore, and her capable class. Never in the history of this famous old school has a more delightful program been given the public. The choruses were beautiful and these were given under the direction of Miss Alley.

With so many good things it is indeed difficult to give praise where it is due, but special mention might be made of J. B. Cassidy, Jr., Miss Geneva Park and Miss Margaret Covington, as Mrs. Oakley, and also her able assistants Misses Arnold, Pitman, and Hagan. Miss Mary Katherine Jasper showed unusual talent in one so young; she gave a recitation entitled "Who's Afraid." The evening's performance concluded with a one act Comedy, "The Burglar Alarm," in which the honors were equally divided between Misses Frances Hisle, Corelia Barnes, Josephine Barlow and Austin Lilly.

## Sparks-Hastings

On November eleventh, at the home of the bride in Rose Lane, Lexington, Miss Ethel Hastings and Mr. Sparks were united in marriage.

Rev. McLean performed the ceremony, after which the couple left for a short trip North. The bride for some time, has made her home with her sister in Lexington, while the groom is the efficient Manager of the Alhambra Theatre of this city. They will make their home on Fourth Street and with their many friends the Madisonian offers congratulations.

## Baptismal Service

Little Ruth Barnes, who joined the church two weeks ago was baptized by her father on Monday afternoon at five o'clock at the Christian Church. The ceremony was simple and beautiful and it seemed fitting that the first to submit to the ordinance of baptism in the new church, should be a little child, "for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

## HERE AND THERE

Contributed

J. H. Jones and son, who own and operate the leading merchandise store at Baldwin, have bought the stock of general merchandise of John A. Young, who had been in business at that place for several years. Mr. Young is postmaster at that place, and it is likely he will resign, in which case it is probable that J. H. Jones will be appointed postmaster.

The gasoline boat "John L." property of Mr. Edgar Land, sank at Valley View last week. This is the boat that was run as an excursion boat last summer. Mr. Land will try and float the boat soon as possible. The value of the boat is about \$2500.

The public sale of personalty of O. J. Young at Baldwin last Thursday was attended by a big crowd. Col. B. B. Million, of Richmond, was the auctioneer and the bidding was spirited, everything sold bringing good prices. Cows sold from \$65 to \$82 a head. Three ponies sold at prices ranging from \$64 to \$108. Hay sold at 90 cents a bale. Household goods brought fancy prices. Lack of space forbids enumeration of articles in detail.

A county officer-elect in conversation with the writer, said, that among the newspapers received by him, the Madisonian was the first one read, which is conclusive proof that the Madisonian is forging to the front as a leader of thought in the county in which it circulates. There are special features in the Madisonian not found in the other newspapers published in the county. Its a map of busy life, its fluctuations, and its vast concerns. Subscribe for it.

## City Officers Caucus

The new City Council met last Thursday night and in caucus named the following officers, who will be elected at the December meeting: City Clerk, W. E. Blanton; Treasurer, L. P. Evans; Assessor, E. H. Bybee; Collector, T. C. O'Neil; Policemen, William Maupin, Claud Devore and James Potts; Chief of the Fire Department, B. R. Dougherty; Hostlers C. T. Nelson and Joe Mitchell; Physician, Dr. J. G. Bosley; Janitor, David Miller; Keeper of Pest House, Mrs. Sid. Winkler.

## Puckett Killed

In a pistol duel which occurred near Irvine, Ky., between Jesse McKinney and Jas. Puckett, the latter was dangerously wounded.

They were neighbors and the trouble occurred over a line tree. A son of McKinney and a relative of Puckett were the only eye witnesses.

## L. & N. Pays Taxes

The L. & N. Railroad paid \$55,000 to State Auditor Bosworth on the increased assessment for 1912, in conformity to the opinion of Judge Cochran, wherein he raised the assessment of the road \$11,000,000.

The street car strike has been settled in Indianapolis by the officials accepting the plans suggested by the Governor, and which plans have met the approval of the operators. The proposal does not mention the union.

Near Clayton, Ala., eight persons were killed and about 100 injured when three coaches of the Georgia Central Railroad were derailed.